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SOME SERIOUS SKILLS

A Regina paramedic demonstrates a resuscitation procedure on a training mannequin Tuesday at the city's EMS Central office as part of Paramedic Services Week. The week's events are aimed at familiarizing the public with the duties of ambulance attendants and emergency responders. Inset: A paramedic uses a dummy to demonstrate intubation. For more on this story, visit metronews.ca. SARAH TAGUIAM/METRO

Regina rallies around boy with mystery illness

Kieran Vermeulen. Family and friends of 12-year-old organize fundraisers after he was rushed to hospital

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Reginans are rallying behind the family of a local boy as he struggles to recover from a debilitating ailment that doctors have been unable to diagnose.

Described as a ball of energy, Kieran Vermeulen spent much of his time playing hockey, soccer and volleyball until early May, when the 12-year-old collapsed at school and was rushed to the pediatric intensive-care unit at Children's Hospital of Saskatchewan in Saskatoon.

"I just want to see him

Kieran Vermeulen FACEBOOK

smile," Kelly Vermeulen-Jackson told Metro on Tuesday of her son, who has experienced a string of seizures, a brain injury and breathing difficulties while in and out of a coma.

"And want him to focus and recognize me longer than 20 seconds, so I know that maybe there's hope he'll be OK."

Doctors haven't pinpointed what Kieran is suffering from.

"They don't even know how much he'll recover," Vermeulen-Jackson said, "or if he'll ever walk or talk again."

Kieran's situation has prompted many in Regina to try to raise money to assist his mother and her husband, city deputy fire chief Layne Jackson, during their family's ordeal.

"I had to do something," said family friend Leah Kew, who has organized a silent auction and two sold-out steak nights at Nicky's Cafe.

"It's just wonderful to have all the support," Vermeulen-Jackson said, noting that her son was returned by ambulance to Regina last week.

"We're just hoping that he'll continue fighting like he has."

Kieran's hockey team has held a bottle drive, while his Grade 7 class at W.S. Hawrylak School has established a fund at Conexus Credit Union under his name.

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$34,000 from city

Downtown heads toward coherent look

Regina's downtown business improvement association is standardizing the design of the area's benches, trash cans and other furnishings in a bid to bring a more coherent appearance to the district.

City hall is providing $34,000 to the development of downtown standards for furnishings and signage.

"At this point of time, we will not be purchasing new benches. What we want to do is identify what the look and feel of the future benches will be," said Judith Veresuk, executive director of the Regina Downtown Business Improvement District (RDBID), on Tuesday.

The RDBID, which will take the lead on the project, will collaborate with city staff and other stakeholders in the coming months.

City council approved the expenditure on Monday. The final plan is expected to go before council for approval this fall.

The business improvement group will also compile pedestrian counts this summer to determine the optimal locations for benches, trash cans and the like, Veresuk said, adding that "they aren't necessarily where the traffic patterns are anymore."

The RDBID's plan includes testing the durability of signage material in severe weather. She added that the legibility of the wording on the signs will also be scrutinized.

MARCO VIGLIOTTI/METRO

Outside Saskatoon's Henk Ruys Soccer Centre, volunteers with the Saskatchewan Red Cross help Stanley Mission residents onto a bus set to take them home on Tuesday. Inset, evacuees board a bus bound for the northern community. MORGAN MODJESKI/METRO IN SASKATOON

Evacuees return home in wake of forest fire

Stanley Mission First Nation. Firefighters, rain keep community out of harm's way

About 1,000 people who had left a northern Saskatchewan community because of a forest fire began returning home on Tuesday after an evacuation order was lifted.

Rain and back-burns by firefighters had stopped the blaze from advancing toward Stanley Mission First Nation, prompting the end of the evacuation.

"It feels pretty good that the town didn't burn," said Stanley Mission resident Cassie McLeod, one of the evacuees leaving Saskatoon's Henk Ruys Soccer Centre.

"We were just worried that the houses would burn because it was so close to town."

Julie Roberts, who came to Saskatoon for her son's medical appointment, said she was "anxious" to get back.

"On Thursday we were going to head back," she said, "and then they said, 'Don't come home.'"

Colin King, deputy emergency management commissioner, said those with their own vehicles began returning on Monday night. Others went home by bus on Tuesday.

Residents at higher risk, such as seniors, pregnant women, young children and anyone with respiratory problems, are to go home on Wednesday.

The evacuation was ordered this past weekend as the fire threatened power lines and the only road into the community, about 460 kilometres northeast of Saskatoon.

Steve Roberts, provincial executive director of wildfire management, said crews were continuing to fight the blaze, while sprinklers that had been placed around the community were removed because of the lower risk.

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‘Every share made the difference’

Trois-Rivières, Que. Parents grateful after spread of Amber Alert on social media leads online sleuths to help locate missing baby

The mother of a day-old infant snatched from a Quebec hospital says she’s grateful to everyone who helped bring home her baby — especially the group of people who used social media to hunt down the alleged kidnapper.

Police issued an Amber Alert on Monday night after the newborn was abducted from the mother’s hospital room in Trois-Rivières by a woman allegedly wearing scrubs and posing as a nurse.

The alert, which included a security-camera photo of the suspect and a description of her car, was splashed across mainstream and social media within minutes.

Four young locals wasted little time picking up the cause and guided police to the woman’s home, where officers found the baby safe three hours later. Police also arrested a woman in her early 20s in connection with the kidnapping.

“Every click, every share made the difference,” Melissa McMahon, the infant’s mother, wrote Tuesday in a post on her Facebook page.

“Four marvellous people, whom we had the chance to meet, identified this woman thanks to Facebook … We felt a huge amount of support from the public. This victory is for you, too!!!”

The online detectives who helped find baby Victoria were identified as Charlene Plante, Marc-Andre Cote, Sharelle Bergeron and Melizanne Bergeron.

Melizanne Bergeron told reporters Tuesday in Trois-Rivières that she came across the information about the kidnapping on Facebook and showed the photo of the suspect to her friend Plante, who realized the woman was her neighbour.

She said they spotted the vehicle described in the alert parked outside the building, saw signs that someone was inside and called police. Officers, she added, arrived on the scene quickly and broke down the woman’s door.

“Thirty seconds after, the baby was in the hands of the police,” said Melizanne Bergeron, who touched Victoria as the officer cradling her walked past. “It was the best moment in my life. We were crying.”

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“I don’t realize it (yet), I’m just a person like (anybody else) and I saved a life.”

Charlene Plante, one of the four online sleuths who helped find baby Victoria

Melissa McMahon and Simon Boisclair hold their daughter Victoria in this photo posted on Boisclair’s Facebook page. McMahon used Facebook to thank everyone who helped bring home her baby, who was snatched from a Quebec hospital, especially the people who used social media to track down the alleged kidnapper. FACEBOOK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Twister tears through N.D. oilfield workers’ camp

A man walks past trailers on Tuesday in Watford City, N.D., that were destroyed by a tornado. Authorities say several people were injured and over a dozen trailers were damaged or destroyed Monday evening when the twister tore through a camp where oilfield workers stay. JOSH WOOD/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

‘Hypersexualization’

Ministers unveil effort to educate girls about harm of sexual images

A public education campaign on cybersafety for girls that began four years ago in Atlantic Canada has added a section to educate girls about images depicting women as sexual objects.

The Atlantic ministers responsible for the status of women met in Charlottetown Tuesday to announce a new addition to a website set up to promote online safety for girls, which now includes information about the effects that the depiction of women and girls as sexual objects can have on self-esteem, self-confidence and self-image.

Valerie Docherty, the minister responsible for the status of women in Prince Edward Island, says “hypersexualization” can be an uncomfortable topic but it’s important to have the conversation.

Docherty was joined by her Atlantic colleagues, Marie-Claude Blais from New Brunswick, Joan Shea from Newfoundland and Labrador and Joanne Bernard from Nova Scotia.

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First Nations chiefs gather to discuss fate of education bill

The first sign that common ground on controversial changes to First Nations education would be hard to find came early Tuesday when chiefs at a special meeting couldn’t even agree on an agenda for the day.

The aboriginal community is so split over the Harper government’s education bill that something seemingly as innocuous as the schedule became a sticking point.

The chiefs eventually opted to discuss First Nations education before deciding how to choose a new leader to replace Shawn Atleo, who quit this month as national chief of the Assembly of First Nations.

But the brief impasse spoke to the significant obstacle facing both the assembly and the governing Conservatives: getting hundreds of aboriginal communities in Canada to agree on an issue as deeply personal as how their children are educated.

Quebec and Labrador Regional Chief Ghislain Picard, who has been the assembly’s spokesman since Atleo resigned, urged the aboriginal leaders gathered at an Ottawa hotel to take a unified stance, one way or another.

“The facts are that we have a bill before the House, which has been shelved by the minister … so that’s where I feel we need to find a way to come together,” Picard said.

Bill Erasmus, the Dene National Chief and AFN’s regional chief for the Northwest Territories, said it’s not fair to ask the country’s hundreds of First Nations to all agree on such a major issue.

“It’s the dilemma that Canada has to understand,” he said.

“First of all, if you asked all of the mayors in Canada to come to consensus, would you expect them to? That’s what we need to ask: Why wouldn’t you expect them, but you expect us to?” THE CANADIAN PRESS

Matthew Louie of Cowichan Tribes, B.C., votes as First Nations leaders, elders, youth and delegates gather for the Assembly of First Nations Special Chiefs Assembly in Ottawa on Tuesday. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Top brass says sexual harassment not a part of military culture

Commons defence committee. Commander grilled after damning magazine story says assault at epidemic level

The country's top military commander has been called on the parliamentary carpet to answer questions about reports of sexual violence in the military.

Gen. Tom Lawson, the chief of defence staff, was grilled Tuesday by the Commons defence committee about a recent magazine report that claimed sex assaults within the ranks are at an epidemic level.

The story, published by Maclean's and L'actualité magazines, interviewed several victims and examined a decade's worth of statistics documenting reported attacks.

Lawson told the committee he found the allegations disturbing, and acknowledged the courage of those victims who spoke out.

An internal review carried out since the claims were first reported last month has identified "some barriers" that prevent alleged victims from coming forward, he testified.

Lawson said an independent review from outside the military is being organized, one that will have the authority to interview military members and could potentially uncover fresh allegations of assault.

The exposé

The magazine story said military police get as many as 200 complaints of sexual assault each year, with many more cases going unreported by victims who fear the potential consequences from within the military hierarchy.

But he said he does not accept the notion that sexual violence and harassment are part of military culture, citing a recent internal survey that suggested harassment of all kinds has been declining steadily over the last decade.

Lawson said only a small percentage of those who took part in the 2012 survey said they've faced harassment, but he conceded the numbers are higher when the results are parsed by gender.

"I think there is an under-reporting going on," Lawson said, "and we need to do everything we can to deal with any issues that stand in the way of someone coming forward."

But defence critic Jack Harris didn't buy those assurances, saying that the issue has resurfaced time and again since a similar media exposé was written in the late 1990s.

"As a Canadian I'm more than concerned and disturbed," said Harris. National Defence is three years behind in reporting criminal statistics within the military to Parliament, he added.

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People carry sandbags to set up a shooting position as a pro-Russian gunman watches on the road leading from the airport to Donetsk, Ukraine, Tuesday. Donetsk was in turmoil Tuesday, a day after government forces used fighter jets to stop pro-Russia separatists from taking over the airport. VADIM GHIRDA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

'They are just dancing.' Iranians should be free to be Happy, Pharrell says

Pharrell Williams says everyone should be able to celebrate their joy — including Iranian youths who were arrested for posting an Internet video of them dancing to his song Happy.

Some in Iran see the video as promoting the spread of Western culture. Iranian laws ban women from dancing in public or appearing outside with heads uncovered.

Williams says he has "the utmost respect for people's religious views" and doesn't know much about Iranian law.

But he added, "The present is a gift, and if you just want to celebrate your happiness, you should be allowed to do that."

Speaking at an exhibit opening in Paris Monday, he said, "They are just dancing."

Pharrell Williams poses during a press conference for the exhibition GIRL at the Perrotin Gallery in Paris, Monday. FRANCOIS MORI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Fans have posted similar Happy videos from around the world, showing people dancing down streets. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Donetsk mayor says dozens killed in fighting; rebels claim up to 100

The eastern city of Donetsk was in turmoil Tuesday a day after government forces used fighter jets to stop pro-Russia separatists from taking over the airport. Dozens were reported killed and the mayor went on television to urge residents to stay indoors.

The city of one million was engulfed by fighting Monday when rebels moved to seize the airport, Ukraine's second-largest. They were repelled by government forces using combat jets and helicopter gunships. Associated Press journalists witnessed intensive gunfire throughout the day and into the night. Plumes of black smoke rose into the air and officials shut down Donetsk airport and nearby streets to traffic amid the fighting.

Donetsk mayor Oleksandr Lukyanchenko said 40 people, including two civilians, were killed in Monday's fighting. Rebel leaders, meanwhile, said the deaths could reach up to 100.

The battles came as billionaire candy magnate Petro Poroshenko claimed victory in Sunday's presidential vote, which authorities in Kyiv had hoped would unify the deeply divided nation. Poroshenko, who has yet to be sworn in, has vowed to negotiate a peaceful end to the insurgency in the east, but also has called the separatists "Somali pirates" and promised he would stop them from sowing more chaos.

The bodies of about 30 insurgents were brought Tuesday to a hospital morgue in Donetsk, said Leonid Baranov of the separatist Donetsk People's Republic, who was at the Kalinin morgue. The fighters had been wounded and were being transported to a hospital in a truck when it was shot up by government forces, Baranov said.

Baranov said up to 100 rebels were probably killed in Monday's fighting, adding that many bodies had not been recovered because they were in areas under government control.

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90% drop in cases. B.C. hospital no longer needs dedicated AIDS ward

A Vancouver hospital ward once so stigmatized it was only referred to by code name is shedding its past thanks to a steady reduction of AIDS cases.

B.C. Premier Christy Clark has announced "Ward 10C" at St. Paul's Hospital will no longer be dedicated to the disease because it's not needed.

She says the ward is being repurposed from a place where patients went expecting to die to a treatment centre for a chronic, manageable, long-term illness.

Clark credits the success to a made-in-B.C. treatment and prevention program and the pioneering work of the BC Centre for Excellence in HIV/AIDS.

United Nations under-secretary for UNAIDS Michel Sidibé says the ward's transformation is a "defining moment" that should inspire global communities to start thinking about ending AIDS altogether.

There's been a 90 per cent drop in AIDS cases in B.C. since 1995 and an 80 per cent decrease in HIV-related mortality between 1996 and 2012.

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A rite of spring to bring business prosperity

Shinto priests in ritual clothing perform a ceremonial rite for an annual festival at the Hanazono Shinto Shrine in Tokyo on Saturday. The shrine is famous for business fortune and good health. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Dream of owning a home? Keep dreaming

RBC study. Home ownership is seeming more like a fantasy as the reality of high prices and interest rates hits home

It's becoming increasingly difficult for families to own a home in Canada and affordability is only expected to get worse going forward, according to the Royal Bank of Canada.

With house prices continuing to rise, RBC said its affordability index deteriorated in the first quarter of this year — the third quarter that has happened out of the last four — with the deterioration particularly acute in the hot markets of Toronto, Calgary and Vancouver.

And RBC chief economist Craig Wright says keeping up with the cost of home ownership in the future is likely going to be an even bigger stretch for households.

"If prices continue to accelerate in key Canadian markets in the near term, affordability could come under pressure," the report points out.

"The eventual normalization of monetary policy (interest rates) will lead to substantial increases in interest rates over the medium term, which could be too much for other affordability determinants to counteract," it adds.

The affordability index measures the percentage of pre-tax household income that is needed to service the cost of owning a home at current market prices, including payments for a mortgage, utilities and property taxes. A reading of 50 per cent means service costs swallow up half of a household's pre-tax income.

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Home! Sweet (pricey) home!

Nationally, the index rose by 0.1 points to 43.2 per cent for detached bungalows and 0.3 points to 49.0 per cent for two-storey homes, while the measure for condos dipped 0.1 points to 27.9 per cent.

Canada

Big banks agree to expand low- and no-cost services

The country's eight largest banks have agreed to expand low-cost and no-cost banking services for Canadians, Finance Minister Joe Oliver announced Tuesday.

The move follows broad measures introduced in the February budget on cheap access to banking services.

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Study

Fighting blight in Detroit would cost $850 million

Removing blighted residential properties, lots and vacant commercial structures that have plagued Detroit neighbourhoods for decades would cost $850 million US, a task force said Tuesday.

The study is part of efforts announced last year by President Barack Obama's administration to help Detroit.

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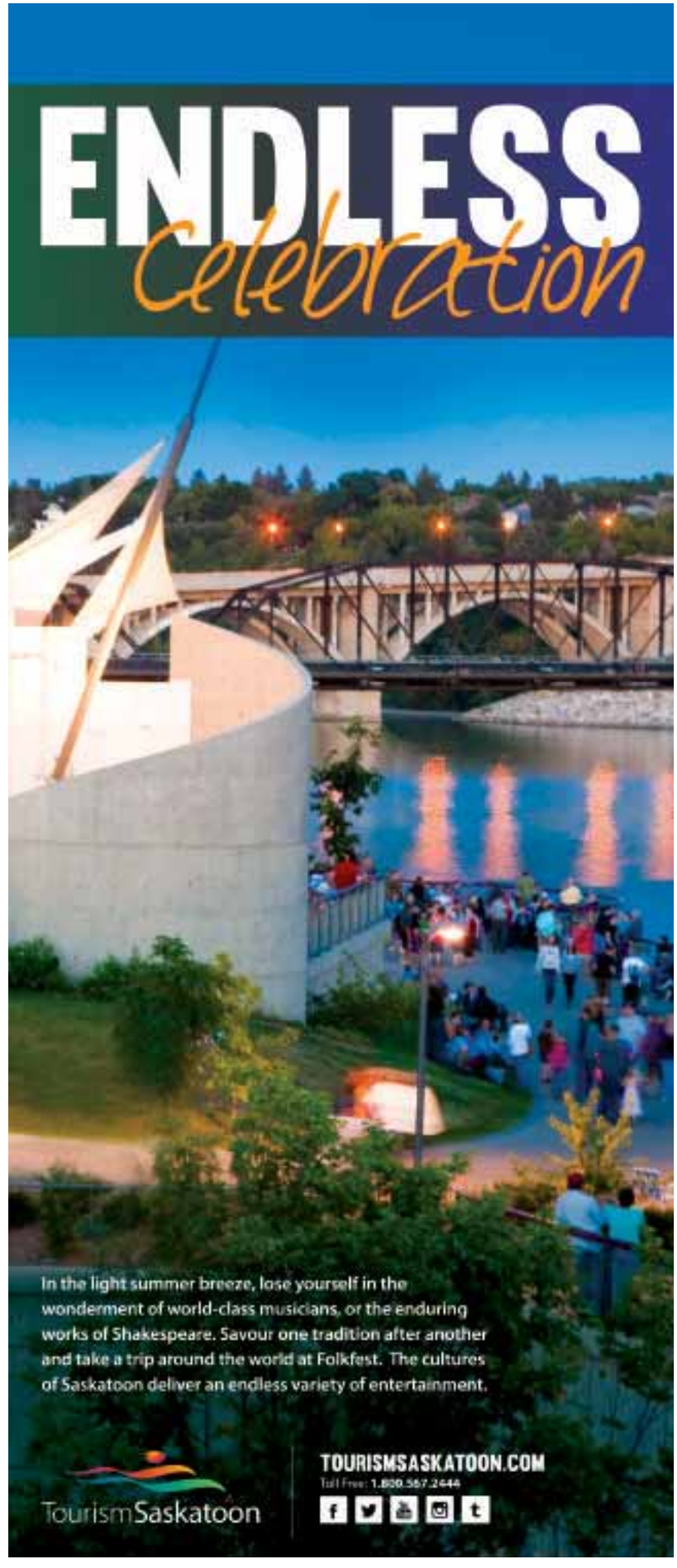
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Never mind butcher, baker or candlestick maker.

The people who float your workplace boat these days are takers, matchers and givers, according to a rising star in workaday psychology, Adam Grant, the youngest full professor at the Wharton School.

This guy is only 32, but he's already figured out how to navigate the concrete jungle and has written a New York Times bestseller about it, called, naturally, Give and Take. He's also the subject of a recent article in Slate.

Even though Grant has the fast-track record we usually associate with a taker — those Gordon-Gecko-greed-is-good types so familiar in the mythology of corporate America — he tries to be a giver, not just because his research shows that nice guys (and girls) can finish first.

Givers are defined by the fact that they will take care of other people with no expectation of reward. They do it precisely because they are selfless. So you can't game the give.

Most of us are matchers in the middle — I'll scratch your back with the understanding that you, at some point very soon, will scratch mine. Other people respect the matcher ethos, but no one actually loves a matcher, unless it's the matcher's mother, who is, by nature, a giver.

All the love is reserved for givers. Givers sow the seeds of harmony wherever they go. People want to work with them because they trust them ... and know they'll share the glory and take the blame.

Do you know anybody like that? If you do, you probably follow them around with big puppy eyes.

Takers are toxic. Grant says it's a good idea to keep a wooden stake, silver bullet and string of garlic handy to ward them off. Well, he doesn't put it in precisely those terms, but he does say that the negative impact of a taker can be three times that of the positive impact of a giver.

They suck the lifeblood out of an organization.

There is an easy way to spot a taker and it's not only because he or she doesn't drink ... wine. "The main sign that someone's a taker is kissing up and kicking down," he writes.

Just because you're a giver doesn't mean you put a Kick Me sign on your back before you go to work in the morning. Winning givers don't allow themselves to be kicked or stepped on; they don't overdo the giving to the detriment of their own work, and they give on a smartly scheduled basis as opposed to on impulse or whim.

Whatever you think (stop rolling your eyes), I think it's good to have permission to be a nice person. It's ironic to discover that while we've spent our lives learning to eat other dogs, happiness is a warm puppy.

And if you're a little bit good at being good, the rewards will come in your lifetime. Good dog!

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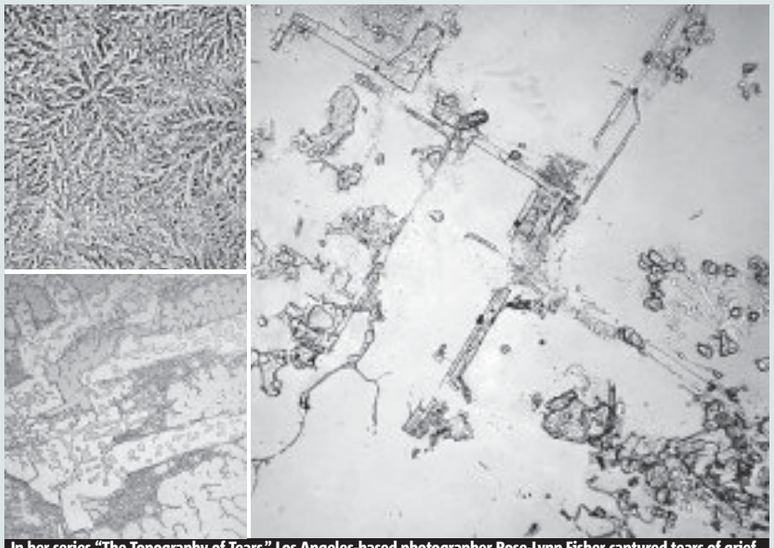
Art that's worth crying over



In her series "The Topography of Tears," Los Angeles-based photographer Rose-Lynn Fisher captured tears of grief, pictured right, tears of remembrance, bottom left, and tears from an onion, top left. COURTESY ROSE-LYNN FISHER

Q&A

'Aerial view of my emotions'

ROSE-LYNN FISHER
Artist-photographer based in Los Angeles

What inspired you to turn human tears into art?
One day I was crying but stopped and wondered if my tears of grief would look any different from tears of happiness. When I magnified them on a microscope, what I saw evoked a sense of place, like an aerial view of my emotional terrain. I was so intrigued by this that I started a project, which now comprises 100 of my own and others' tears.

How did you go about photographing the tears?
I collect a tear, put it onto a glass slide and view it through a standard microscope, magnified 10 to 40 times. After the tear sample has been either air-dried or covered, I photograph it using a digital microscopy camera.

They do look like strange landscapes.
Exactly. I marvel at the visual similarities between the microscopic world and the macro world of landscapes. Patterns of erosion etched into the earth over millions of years can look like the branched crystalline patterns of an evaporated tear that formed in less than a minute.

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Worth mentioning. USDA projects to help protect soil, water quality

The U.S. Department of Agriculture is teaming with businesses, non-profits and others on a five-year, $2.4-billion program that will fund locally designed soil and water conservation projects nationwide, Secretary Tom Vilsack said Tuesday.

Authorized by the new farm law enacted earlier this year, the Regional Conservation Partnership Program is intended to involve the private sector more directly in planning and funding environmental protection initiatives tied to agriculture.

He described the projects to be funded as "clean water startup operations" that will benefit communities and watersheds, a departure from the department's more traditional approach of focusing on individual operators adopting practices such as no-till cultivation or planting buffer strips to prevent runoff into streams.

Quoted

"It's a new approach to conservation that is really going to encourage people to think in very innovative and creative ways."
Secretary Tom Vilsack

Universities, local and tribal governments, companies and sporting groups are among those eligible to devise plans and seek grants.

"By establishing new public-private partnerships, we can have an impact that's well beyond what the federal government could accomplish on its own," Vilsack said. "These efforts keep our land resilient and water clean, and promote tremendous economic growth in agriculture, construction, tourism and outdoor recreation and other industries."

In addition to protecting the environment, the projects will bolster the rural economy by supporting tourism and outdoor recreation jobs while avoiding pollution that would cost more to clean up, he said.

The USDA will spend $1.2 billion — including $400 million the first year — and raise an equal amount from participants. Successful applications will include offers of cash, labour or other contributions, as well as plans for achieving measurable solutions and using new approaches, said Jason Weller, chief of the Natural Resources Conservation Service. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Disney has its wicked ways

Bold child's play

Angelina Jolie all in as villain

Angelina Jolie taking on the title role in Maleficent, telling the story of Sleeping Beauty from the villain's perspective, might have seemed like a no-brainer, but Jolie herself had her doubts. "I was a bit nervous to take her on. I don't have a big theatre voice. I don't do things that are kind of comedic. This is such a crazy idea. I'm a fairy? 'How was your day, honey?' 'I was a fairy,'" Jolie remembers telling husband Brad Pitt. "I was so challenged by it. For me as an actress to do something where I'm not taking myself so seriously or doing it for myself or doing it for art — just to remember what it is to play and entertain and try something bold."

But once she had the horns and the headdress and the augmented cheekbones and nose in place, she just went with it. "There's no halfway. If you're going to do it, you can't just kind of do it. You have to go fully into it and enjoy it," she says. "The original was done so well and her voice was so great. The way she was animated was so perfect. If anything, I was worried I'd fail the original. I practised a lot with my children. When I got them laughing, I figured I was on to something — well, they laughed, they cried." NED EHRBAR/MWN IN HOLLYWOOD

It's not all Mouse ears. Disney horns in on the dark side of fairy tales from the winged demon of Fantasia to Maleficent

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Hear the name Disney, and your first thoughts are likely about Mickey Mouse ears, Mary Poppins or the song Let it Go. Uplifting notions born from a company that brags it owns the Happiest Place on Earth.

But for all the cheery feelings the Mouse House has given us over the years, Disney villains have also inspired a nightmare or two.

This weekend, Maleficent creeps into theatres. Starring Angelina Jolie, it is the story of how the Sleeping Beauty villainess became evil after being betrayed by a child. With plumped up cheekbones and headgear with demonic horns, Jolie looks like something from a hellish Hieronymus Bosch painting.

"She isn't the pretty princess," says the actress. "She isn't a beautiful queen. She's a very awkward, pointy, slightly scary-looking horned creature who goes through a lot in her life."

Maleficent joins a long list of dastardly Disney villains to inspire sleepless nights.

Angelina Jolie with her daughter Vivienne in a scene from Maleficent. FRANK CONNOR/DISNEY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Scar

In The Lion King, Scar (voice of Jeremy Irons) is the brother of the king, Mufasa (James Earl Jones). In a Shakespearean twist, Scar murders his brother and banishes his nephew to gain control of Pride Rock.

Most evil line? "Long live the King." — Scar to Mufasa before killing him.

Cruella De Vil

In the 1961 animated film and the 1996 live-action film, 101 Dalmatians, Cruella De Vil (voice of Betty Lou Gerson in the cartoon, Glenn Close in the flesh) is a diabolical fashionista who wants to incorporate puppy pelts into her wardrobe.

Most evil line? "Darling, I live for fur. I worship fur!"

Queen Grimhilde

Vanity pushes Queen Grimhilde (Lucille La Verne in the 1937 animated version) to try and destroy the life of her stepdaughter (Adriana Caselotti) in Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs. The evil queen can't bear the thought that there is someone more beautiful than she, so she first orders her huntsman to kill Snow White and cut her heart out and when that doesn't work, she feeds the pretty girl a poisoned apple.

Most evil line? "Mirror, Mirror on the wall, who's the fairest of them all?"

Chernabog

Hands down, the scariest vision in any Disney film has to be Chernabog, the winged demon who briefly appears in the Night on Bald Mountain sequence of Fantasia. He is the essence of evil and according to Villians Wiki, his hobby is bringing the dead back to life so he can kill them again.

Discussing the character in an interview, Walt Disney referred to him as Satan.

Most evil line? Chernabog doesn't have any lines. When you're this bad, you don't need dialogue.

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Macaulay Culkin ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Macaulay's 'pizza band' too cheesy for British audience

It was a Blues Brothers moment for actor Macaulay Culkin and his band Pizza Underground on Sunday at the Dot to Dot Festival in Nottingham, England, when fans turned on the comedy cover group by booing them and even throwing beer onstage.

Unfortunately, Mac couldn't turn it around with a pizza-themed version of Rawhide to get the crowd going; the Home Alone star and the rest of Pizza Underground allegedly walked off stage smelling like booze after only three songs — but not before they performed a cover of Lou Reed's Perfect Day, calling it Pizza Day.

Culkin's band covers Velvet Underground and Lou Reed songs but changes the lyrics around to be about pizza.

The Word

Manhattan's got a friend in David Schwimmer

MELINDA TAUB
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David Schwimmer is one of the Friends I'd vaguely lost track of since the series came to an end. Is he the one playing an aging sitcom star on cable? No, that's Lisa Kudrow. Is he the one who's totally over Brad Pitt? That's Jennifer Aniston. Oh, now I remember. David Schwimmer is the one who battles crime.

Well, he fought for justice this week at least. Police were investigating an altercation between a suspected male prostitute, his john, and a third man that broke out at 5:40 a.m. on East Sixth Street in Manhattan's East Village, where the sitcom star owns a brownstone.

The 26-year-old john was taken to Bellevue Hospital with stab wounds on his face, while the 21-year-old alleged prostitute was treated for slashes on his arm. Police had only one man's word against the other's until they realized that security cameras outside Schwimmer's home had caught footage of the altercation, according to the New York Post. Schwimmer gave the NYPD the tape, which might be used in court.

Schwimmer bought his brownstone for $4 million US in 2012, and he's been heavily renovating it ever since, to the consternation of his neighbours. However, this incident might convince the other Sixth Street residents that good Friends make good neighbours after all.

Rachel Bilson shows off her baby bump

Rachel Bilson isn't hiding the fact that she and longtime boyfriend Hayden Christensen are expecting. The couple headed to Barbados for a quick vacation, with Bilson showing off her growing baby bump in a black bikini, according to Us Weekly. "They've talked about this for a while and are so excited," a source tells the magazine. "Everyone is beyond thrilled for them."

Rachel Bilson

Harry Styles

Kendall can't get over Harry Styles

While Harry Styles and Kendall Jenner's brief romance has been over for months, Jenner reportedly "just can't get him out of her head" and hasn't stopped calling the One Direction star "despite their romance fizzing out months ago," according to Star magazine.

"Now Kendall desperately wants him back. She loved the attention dating Harry gave her, plus she really fell for him big time," a source says.

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Where the buffalo roam

Yellowstone. This massive, famed park stretches across three states — you need a plan to see it all

You can't miss the bison herds in Yellowstone. ISTOCK

Old Faithful likely comes to mind when you think of Yellowstone National Park. And it's certainly worth seeing, along with other geysers. But the geysers are just the start of what Yellowstone offers: hiking, biking, camping, fishing, wildlife-spotting and more. Yellowstone National Park covers 8,992 square kilometres over three states — Wyoming, Idaho and Montana.

With stops along the way, it can take two full days to drive the 230-kilometre Grand Loop. Here are some Yellowstone basics, starting with the geysers.

Geysers

Most of the park's easily accessible and most famous geysers are concentrated along a 50-kilometre drive in the middle of the park, from West Thumb, Wyo. to Madison Junction, Wyo. and can be seen in a half-day.

Park visitor centres can provide predicted eruption times for about a half-dozen geysers. Some predictions are in windows of several hours, so you'll likely spend some time waiting. Old Faithful erupts every 60 to 90 minutes. The exact timing depends on the previous eruption, so the park can predict only one eruption at a time.

Several other geysers are within walking distance, including the tiny Anemone erupting every 10 minutes or so. A few more clusters of geysers and hot springs are a short drive north along Grand Loop.

If your timing is right, don't miss the Grand Geyser, the tallest predictable geyser in the world, reaching as high as 60 metres and lasting up to 12 minutes. You might have to wait a few hours, though. The Grand Geyser has been erupting every seven or eight hours.

Hikes

The Divide hike is about 5.6 kilometres round trip and takes you to the Continental Divide, the line where water flows toward the Atlantic from one side and toward the Pacific from the other. There's no sign or any other marker at the top, so you'll have to use your imagination. The park rates the hike as moderately strenuous, given the climb of about 225 metres. Mystic Falls is more scenic. The start of the trail is close to the Biscuit Basin cluster of geysers, so you can get geysers and a hike both out of the way with one stop.

Give yourself at least two hours for the drive from the geysers to Mount Washburn. The trail to the top is well-maintained, but the hike isn't for those out of shape: You'll climb some 427 metres to an elevation of 3,122 metres. There are two ways up: The longer route, from Dunraven Pass, is about five kilometres each way, but it's less steep than the Chittenden Road option. Take the same route down; the parking lots for each trailhead are 10 kilometres apart.

In the distance, you can glimpse Yellowstone's version of Grand Canyon, a gorge formed by the Yellowstone River. There's a fire lookout tower with an observation deck at the top.

Grand Canyon

Yellowstone's Grand Canyon is worth its own visit. You have several long or short hikes to choose from, along either side of the canyon. If you're pressed for time, drive to the Upper and Lower Falls and view the rapids before a pair of drops into the canyon. For both falls, use paved overlooks or take short hikes for closer views. Visit the Upper Falls in the afternoon for a chance to see rainbows.

Wildlife and driving

Yellowstone is home to bison, moose, elk, bighorn sheep, wolves and grizzly bears. If you're looking to see a certain type of animal, ask at visitor centres where to go and the best time of day. Cars stopped or parked haphazardly along a road usually means there's something worth seeing. You can't miss the bison herds, but for other creatures, you may need binoculars.

Biking and Boating

You can bike along the Grand Loop on your own bike or by renting one near Old Faithful. There are boating and fishing opportunities as well; permits are required.

Getting there and lodging

The Grand Prismatic Spring in Yellowstone National Park.
JIM PEACO/YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK (FLICKR: YELLOWSTONENPS)

The bulk of the park is in northwest Wyoming and has five entrances, with gateway towns offering food and lodging.

The drive from the entrances to the main loop is long, so plan your access point and lodging carefully. There are nine lodges inside the park; consider switching hotels each night to be closer to another part of the park the next morning.

The park has a dozen campgrounds. Seven are first come, first served. Reservations for the others and for the lodges fill up fast.

Nearest airports with car rentals are in Cody and Jackson, Wyoming; Bozeman, Billings and West Yellowstone, Montana; and Idaho Falls, Idaho. If you have time, it may be cheaper to fly to Denver and drive the 885 kilometres to the park via Cody. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Bucket List

Biking down Italy's heel

The Puglia region has some of the most beautiful scenery in all of southern Italy and this summer might be the one you hop on a bike and explore this strip of coastal countryside. Plenty of exercise means you can eat everything in sight. Bike through valleys and vineyards, olive groves and seaside villages. Butterfield & Robinson have been biking this quadrant of Europe, among others, for years and have full-service itineraries to opt into or custom adventures as your needs and companions dictate — with adventure, culture and vistas you only see in postcards. The Puglia trip concludes at the UNESCO protected Trulli of Alberobello in the province of Bari. Visit ButterfieldRobinson.com. DOUG WALLACE/METRO

Hitting the road in eastern Europe

Cars and Krakow. The transit isn't always reliable, so why not take matters into your own hands and drive?

ON THE MOVE
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Eastern Europe, with its occasionally inconvenient train schedules, is the perfect destination for a week-long road trip.

Arrive by air in Krakow, Poland

Home to the largest market square in Europe and the stunning Wawel Castle, Krakow is the perfect size to explore on foot. The proliferation of statues and portraits of recently canonized Pope John Paul II is a reminder of this town's pride for its most famous son. Oskar Schindler, the German war profiteer who redeemed himself by saving thousands of Jewish lives during the Second World War, is another famous former inhabitant. His factory is now a fascinating museum.

Drive to Auschwitz-Birkenau Memorial & Museum, Poland

The extensive remains of this sinister camp are an hour and half from Krakow. I knew the experience wasn't going to be a happy one, but felt compelled to go. Instead of the usual sounds of group chitchat and camera shutters snapping, the four-hour tour here was silent. After seeing rooms stacked with stolen personal items, including human hair, it is impossible not to feel sick to your stomach. Unfortunately, history can be cruel.

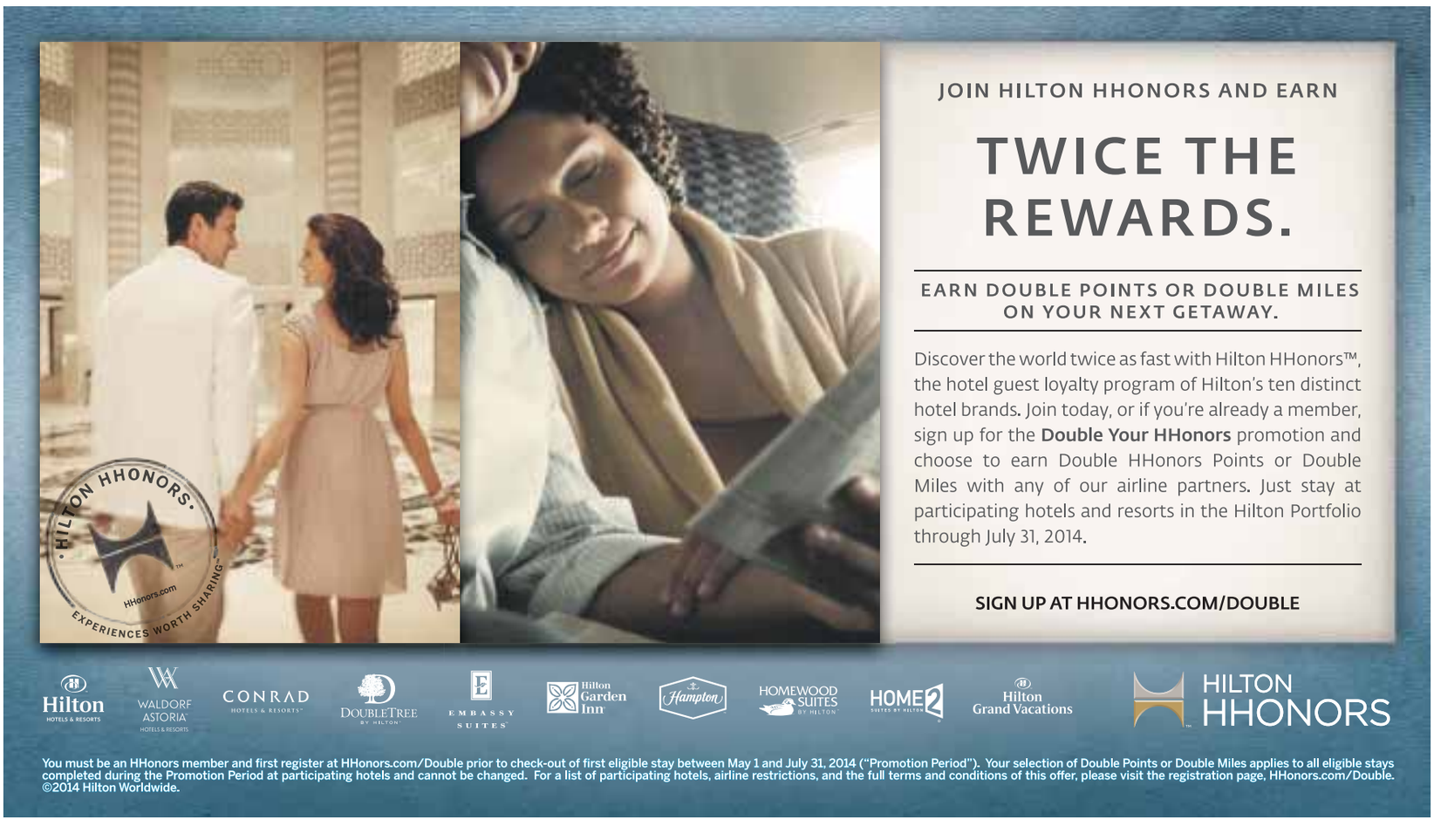
Drive to Cesky Krumlov, Czech Republic

This stunning 17th-century town sits on a peninsula in the Vltava River, overlooked by an immense Renaissance castle. You could walk the entire town in two hours, but it's much more enjoyable to meander your way through the cobblestone streets. Take the audio tour of the castle, linger in the unique art shops and stop for a goblet or three of mead at the Two Marys medieval tavern.

Drive to Prague, Czech Republic

With only two days in Prague, it would be impossible to do justice to all of the big name sites; Prague Castle, Old Town Square, Wenceslas Square. Instead I followed my feet and wandered through the city's varied neighbourhoods. I did end up spending two hours on the Charles Street Bridge, transfixed by the interactions of buskers, artists and tourists underneath the baroque statues that line the parapets. I had an incredible Bohemian meal at the Blue Duckling, about a 10-minute walk from the bridge on the castle side. For the more budget conscious, I found fantastic pubs that brewed their own beer and happily served up a pint alongside a plate of goulash for less than ten dollars.

The tour of Auschwitz is solemn and silent. LOREN CHRISTIE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There's no place like home: Workers would rather telecommute than move

Staying on task while staying put. As more employees opt to work remotely, we consider how to do your best from your own nest

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If you're a student, a recent grad, or an entrepreneurial startup type, chances are you're well-versed in working from home, at the library, and in various cafés around town.

In a new study conducted by Ipsos Reid on behalf of the Canadian Employee Relocation Council, researchers found that when it comes to the Canadian employment mobility landscape, more than half of those (55 per cent) who are currently employed would not relocate for a job under any circumstance.

Ask those who consider themselves under-employed and the percentage jumps to 6.5 out of 10. That still leaves a considerable percentage of workers who would greatly prefer to stay put, all things considered.

Remote (but tethered) workdays

Considering these figures, more employees and their companies may need to consider telecommuting options and using mobile technology and broadband connections to enable distributed (rather than co-located) teams.

Good news, then, that research shows part-time and flexible work-from-home strategies, if properly implemented, can have a positive impact for both businesses and staff.

With funding from the National Institutes of Health and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, sociologists at the University of Minnesota have published a study showing that increased flexibility at work results in wide-ranging benefits.

Those study participants who were allowed to modify when and where they worked experienced fewer family-work conflicts, achieved greater well-being due to a sense of schedule control, and developed a stronger more supportive relationship with their supervisors.

Recognize what period of your day requires you to have no distractions, and take steps to secure some silence. ISTOCK

I dream in green

"Seeing greens on surfaces has been linked to thinking creatively."
Sally Augustin
design and environmental psychologist

Set the scene for agile productivity

- When you're mobile and working out-of-home, an extra portable battery charger for tablets and phones is a lifesaver.

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- To work smarter on your smartphone, load it up with time-tracking, list-making, product-managing apps.
- If you're in charge of your own schedule, be sure to determine your optimal working hours, and set clear boundaries (including with family and friends) to protect your personal prime time.
- To manage distractions at home or out-and-about, the combination of a social site blocker and some noise-cancelling headphones will put and keep you in the zone.
- If you're lucky enough to have dedicated office space at home, protect your body from soreness, numbness or strain by doing a little research into economical and ergonomically correct office furnishings.
- For an added productivity boost, paint one wall green. "Seeing greens on surfaces has been linked to thinking creatively," advises design and environmental psychologist Sally Augustin.
- Not ready to paint your walls? Get an office plant instead, to add a touch of greenery to your space, and because research indicates that sharing your desk with foliage or flowers will make you feel happier, too.

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Sometimes the comfort of salad fits the bill for a quick dinner — especially when you can make it in about 10 minutes!

Looking for a new salad for the summer weekends or weeknight meals? This one has fresh lemon flavour and crunch from the spinach. Pack the tuna mixture separately and then toss it when you need it if you are packing it for lunch or to take away to a friend's. That means you can get your family members the nutrients they need without any effort.

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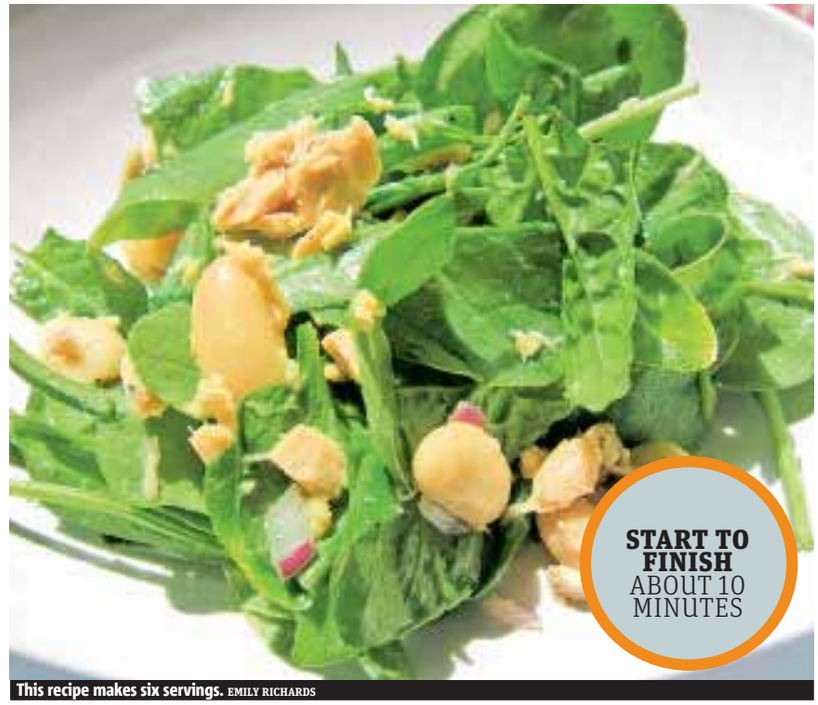
Ingredients

- 2 cans (6 oz/170 g) light tuna in water, drained
- 1 can (19 oz/540 ml) white kidney beans, drained and rinsed
- 1/3 cup (75 ml) finely diced red onion
- 1/2 tsp (2 ml) grated lemon rind
- 2 tbsp (25 ml) lemon juice
- 2 tbsp (25 ml) vegetable or chicken broth
- 2 tsp (10 ml) extra virgin olive oil
- 1/4 tsp (1 ml) freshly ground black pepper
- 8 cups (2 l) lightly packed baby spinach leaves

1. In a large bowl, stir together tuna, beans and red onion. Add lemon rind, juice, broth, oil and pepper; stir until well coated. Stir in spinach and toss until leaves are coated. Divide among 6 plates to serve.

Cooking tips

- This is a great combination for two people to prepare in the kitchen. Make work fun when you have company and speed up the process even more. Whether you are a couple or a family, preparing meals together is quality time during which you can share your day's events and wind down. As the saying goes, home is where the heart is, and luckily also where a kitchen awaits with the aromas and flavours of delicious food to be enjoyed with friends and family!



This recipe makes six servings. EMILY RICHARDS

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Start your summer off fashionably at Sears

One of the best parts of summer is being able to freshen up your fashions. "Just a few easy pieces will make your wardrobe from seasons past look brand new," says Charlene Bristow, Regina's Sears Outlet Store sales manager.

For women, "start with a floral piece, like a jacket or blouse. Pair it with neutral pants or skirts — or go with one of summer's new favourite colours, orange," says Bristow. If brights aren't your bag, pretty pastel-coloured prints and florals are also topping the hit list.

Tea-length flouncy skirts are a summer hit, and pick up one of the summer's hottest tops: cropped, fringed or sheer. Accessorize big — "colourful scarves, big floppy hats, oversize sunglasses, bold jewelry or big belts are all great ways to update any outfit," says Bristow.

With Father's Day around the corner, pick him up a pair of longer casual shorts or capri-style pants in a neutral shade and add a bright summer polo or T-shirt. Bristow recommends you, "match up a belt and fedora or baseball cap and finish with fashionable shades for a stylish start to his summer."

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French Open

Hey, hey, hey, goodbye: Na done after Round 1

Another day at the French Open, another reigning Australian Open champion bites the red dust.

Li Na lost her first Grand Slam match since winning in Melbourne, falling to Kristina Mladenovic 7-5, 3-6, 6-1 on Tuesday, a day after men's Aussie Open winner Stan Wawrinka was eliminated. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MLB

Royals get good news from young pitcher's MRI exam

Royals pitcher Yordano Ventura will miss his next start after an MRI exam taken Tuesday on his sore right elbow showed no ligament damage.

Ventura, whose 100 m.p.h. fastballs have made him a rising star, was removed from Monday night's loss to Houston.

He was diagnosed with a mild valgus extension overload, a condition in which the repetitive stress on the elbow can cause pain in the joint. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Royals pitcher Yordano Ventura
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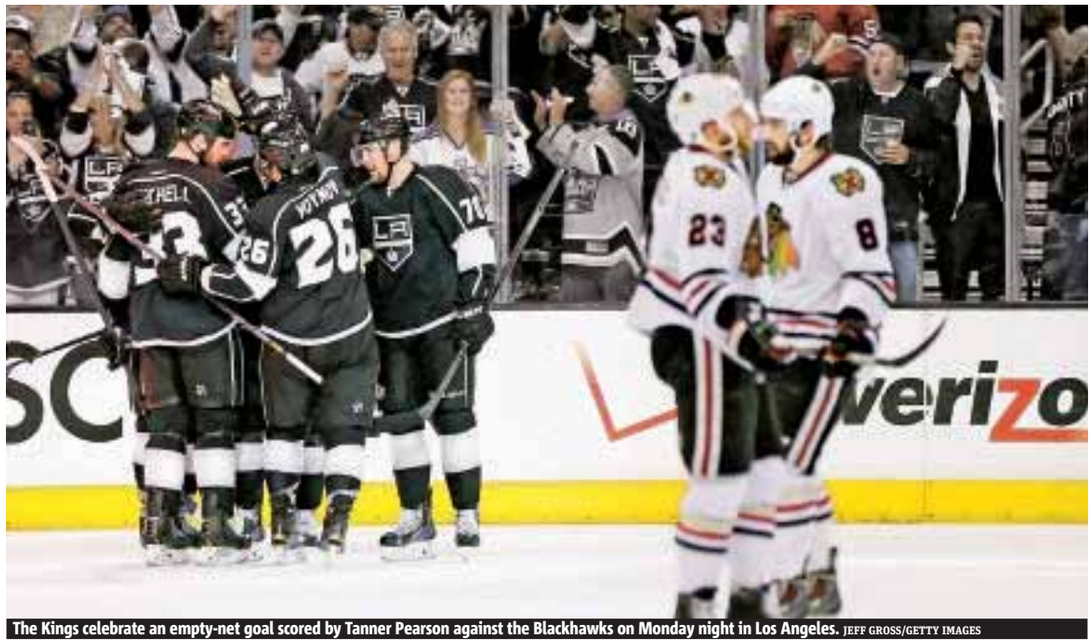

The Kings celebrate an empty-net goal scored by Tanner Pearson against the Blackhawks on Monday night in Los Angeles. JEFF GROSS/GETTY IMAGES

Hawks look to halt Kings' coronation

NHL playoffs. Chicago looking to get back on winning track with backs against the wall

The special teams have been awful. The faceoff circle has been a huge problem. Patrick Kane, Marian Hossa and Patrick Sharp have combined for one goal for the Chicago Blackhawks.

The defending Stanley Cup champions are in big trouble in the Western Conference final, down 3-1 to the rolling Los Angeles Kings.

But the Blackhawks are back at home for Game 5 on Wednesday night, and have dug out of similar trouble before.

"Just looking to win Game 5," coach Joel Quenneville said after the Blackhawks arrived back in Chicago on Tuesday afternoon. "That's it. Get the momentum back and go from there."

The previous time this series was in Chicago, the Kings seized the momentum with a five-goal third period in a 6-2 victory in Game 2.

It carried right over to a pair of impressive victories in Los Angeles that moved the Kings to the brink of their second Stanley Cup final in three seasons.

Los Angeles has shredded Chicago's penalty-kill unit for five goals in its past 10 chances, while holding the Blackhawks to one power-play goal in their past 11 opportunities. Anze Kopitar and the Kings have won 58 per cent (106 of 184) of the faceoffs during the win streak, taking the puck-possession Blackhawks out of their game.

"We have veteran centremen," coach Darryl Sutter said after Los Angeles' 5-2 victory Monday night. "All four of them have obviously been here for a while. You know, they take care of both ends of the ice. They pretty much run the game for us as centremen." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Do or die

The Montreal Canadiens entered Game 5 of the Eastern Conference final on Tuesday trailing the New York Rangers 3-1. Go to metronews.ca to see if the Habs' title hopes are still alive.

Raptors doing homework on hometown boy

Toronto native Tyler Ennis is projected to be a lottery pick in the upcoming NBA draft. GETTY IMAGES FILE

The Raptors are going to take a closer look at one of Canada's top NBA prospects.

Toronto native and Syracuse point guard Tyler Ennis is scheduled to work out for the Raptors at the Air Canada Centre on Thursday, as the process of winnowing down a list of options with the 20th choice in the June 26 draft gets serious.

It's a long shot that the six-foot-two Ennis will be available when the Raptors make their pick — he's seen as a virtual lock to go in the lottery portion of the draft — but it never hurts to meet with one of the top local prospects.

Ennis, leaving Syracuse after just one season, met with Toronto officials at the league's draft combine this month and Thursday's individual workout will be another chance to get an up-close look at him.

Toronto also has workouts scheduled for three days next week, with unspecified players who are more likely to be available with the 20th and 37th picks. The Raptors also have the 59th selection, second to last.

With a variety of needs — front-court size and wing depth the most glaring — next week's workouts are seen as far more crucial for the Raptors than an audition for Ennis, who will work out on his own. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Dimes and daggers

Tyler Ennis averaged 12.9 points and 5.5 assists per game in his only season at Syracuse.

4 SPORTS

2014 Kia Rondo

- **Type.** Four-door, front-wheel drive compact 5 or 7-passenger wagon
- **Engines (hp).** 2.0-litre inline four-cylinder with direct gasoline engine (164)
- **Transmissions.** Six-speed manual, six-speed automatic
- **Base price (incl. destination).** $23,460

Market position

Despite the popularity of larger crossover vehicles, these tall hatchbacks offer an excellent alternative for those who prefer a compact vehicle. The Rondo's features and quiet ride make it a standout in the category.

Points

- 5-year/100,000 km warranty covers almost everything on the Rondo, while wear items such as wiper blades and brake pads have 1-year/20,000 km coverage.
- Completely redesigned for 2013, the Rondo is currently offered in Canada, but no longer in the United States.
- Fuel consumption of 9.2 L/100 km city and 6.3 highway (with automatic transmission) is best among its direct competitors.

As a hatchback, the Rondo comes with a spacious back end.

Safety

Front, side, and curtain airbags; brake assist and distribution; hill assist control; vehicle stability control; rear view camera and parking sensors on EX trims.

Rondo is a great family choice

Review. The Kia Rondo is a smooth-riding option to accommodate the whole clan

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I've always been fond of the so-called "tall wagon," a hatchback that combines the upright seating and practicality of a minivan or SUV, but with the compact footprint of a small car. The Kia Rondo fits the bill, in five-passenger seating, or with an optional third row for seven people.

There are three trim levels, and all use a 2.0-litre, four-cylinder engine that makes 164 horsepower, and 156 lb.-ft. of torque. The base LX trim starts at $21,795 and comes with a six-speed manual transmission, but it's there for price, not sportiness. Most buyers will opt for the smooth-shifting six-speed automatic, optional on the LX, and the only choice on the EX and EX Luxury trims.

The Rondo is spacious and comfortable, while the top-of-the-line seven-seat trim level includes such features as parking sensors, panoramic sunroof, and heated and cooled leather seats for $30,795, with navigation further available as an option.

It isn't the most fun-to-drive car on the market, but the ride is smooth, and it handles corners without feeling tippy despite its height. It's also confident and well-planted on the highway, and you can switch the electric power steering to feel lighter or more weighted, depending on your preference. It's also very quiet, thanks to a considerable amount of sound-deadening material, and visibility is excellent all the way around.

Kia put a lot of thought into the interior, with numerous little items to make life easier for families. The EX models have integrated rear-window sunshades, eliminating the need to use suction-cup versions to protect children from the sun, and there's a rechargeable flashlight in the cargo area. If you get the five-seat model, there's a large, covered storage bin under the cargo floor.

As with most tall wagons, it's easy to get in and out, especially for children or elderly passengers. The third-row's seats are nicely cushioned, but there's really only enough space for children.

Good-looking and thoughtfully engineered, the Rondo could well be a practical alternative to an SUV for many families.

Compare

1 Mazda5
Base price: $21,995
Rondo's closest competitor offers sportier handling, and seating for six.

2 Chevrolet Orlando
Base price: $20,195 Standard three rows and more powerful, but it's thirstier.

3 Dodge Journey
Base price: $21,495
Larger but still well-sized, and available with all-wheel drive.

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Keeping cool this summer

Hot rides. Simple maintenance can help keep things cool on the road this summer. Your vehicle, and riders, will thank you.

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For us humans, the hot weather is one of the most eagerly anticipated parts of the summer season — but for our vehicles, that lovely heat means additional strain on vital components every time we hit the road with the family.

Poorly maintained parts tend to show themselves when vehicles are pushed to extremes.

As such, a sweltering summer day is a fantastic time for overheating, driveline failure or engine damage, if your cooling system isn't performing properly. Fortunately, readying your cooling system for warm-weather travelling is a relatively quick and painless endeavour.

In addition to keeping your engine running at its ideal operating temperature, your cooling system may play a part in keeping other components, like your transmission, from overheating as well.

Your cooling system works by circulating coolant throughout the engine to absorb and remove the tremendous heat generated by its operation.

Over time, the effectiveness of that coolant diminishes, and a coolant change is required.

This occurs in varying intervals for different vehicles, or on an 'as-needed' basis as advised by your mechanic.

A proper cooling system check should include a look at coolant level and effectiveness, the thermostat and the water-pump belt, if applicable.

The radiator and associated hoses and lines should be inspected as well, and a visual check for leaks is also important. A periodic radiator flush is also advisable to remove harmful sludge from within the cooling system. Sludge may accumulate within the radiator and hoses over time, reducing effectiveness and component life.

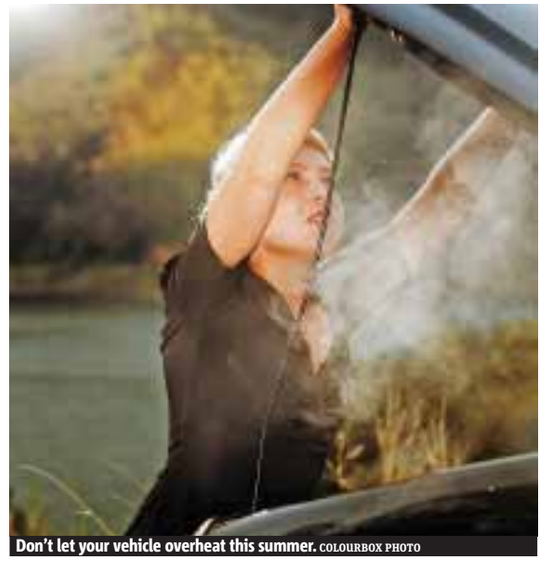
Put another way, a coolant flush ensures everything is functioning properly, from the inside out.

Protecting your engine from the heat this summer is only half the battle. You'll want to ensure you and your passengers benefit from an effective air conditioning system, too.

If your AC seems hesitant to blow cold, or if it isn't cooling the cabin as quickly as it used to, an inspection is in order. This inspection can often reveal a small problem before it escalates into a much larger and pricier one.

If you're uncomfortable performing vehicle-related work yourself, your favourite mechanic would be happy to help.

Most cooling and air-conditioning maintenance can be carried out quickly the next time your vehicle is in the shop for an oil-change or tune up.



Don't let your vehicle overheat this summer. COLOURBOX PHOTO

Spanish brand Bultaco bets on all-electric model

Rapitan. Bike's battery has range of up to 200 kilometres per charge

The Spanish motorcycle manufacturer Bultaco, which went out of business in the early 1980s, is back in the news following the introduction of the Rapitan, a new all-electric ride slated to go on sale in 2015.

The news echoes the spectacular return of the French brand Voxan last December with its Wattman, which is also due to hit the market in 2015.

In the hopes of resurrecting the Bultaco name, the successors to founder Paco Bulto are focusing their efforts on an all-electric model. The Rapitan packs an electric motor with 40 kW, or the equivalent of 55 hp. While its top speed is limited to 145 km/h, the manufacturer says the motorcycle can accelerate from 0 to 100 km/h in a mere four seconds.

The battery, which recharges fully in less than five hours, has a range of up to 200 km per charge. Presented as a prototype, the Bultaco Rapitan is scheduled to hit the market in 2015.

This is not the first time that a brand has risen from its ashes with an all-electric motorcycle. In December 2013, French manufacturer Voxan, which was liquidated in 2009 and purchased by Venturi in 2010, returned to the scene with the Wattman, an all-electric motorcycle symbolizing its rebirth.

The Spanish motorcycle maker Bultaco is hoping to make a comeback with the Rapitan, an all-electric road bike. BULTACO

Powered by an engine with 200 hp — making it the world's most powerful electric motorcycle, according to Voxan — the Wattman boasts a top speed of 170 km/h, 0 to 100 km/h acceleration in just 3.4 seconds and 0 to 160 km/h in 5.9 seconds. The battery offers a range of around 180 km. Like the Rapitan, this powerful all-electric ride will not go on sale to the public until 2015.

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A new condo tower in Toronto contains no parking spaces. MIKE GOETZ

You won't find a parking spot at this condo tower

Change in car culture. 42-storey condo first in Toronto to go "no parking," leading national trend

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Another mile marker on the way to big change in automotive culture is a new and soaring 42-floor condominium structure on University Avenue in Toronto.

It offers lots of amenities, a nice selection of counter tops and bathroom tile, a snazzy foyer, but nothing resembling a parking garage.

There are only nine parking spots and those are reserved for a car-share program.

It might be the first new-build condominium in the country to offer "no parking" for all, but it won't be the last.

Municipalities have always enacted bylaws that stipulate how much parking had to be included in new developments. In downtown Toronto, for example, the requirement is 0.6 parking spots per unit. In other areas it could be as high as two spots per unit.

But the pressure is on to get rid of these parking requirements.

To go "no parking," this Toronto condo had to receive special approval from city council. In Calgary, officials are seriously considering green-lighting a condo tower with similar car-free ideals. And in Vancouver, they are moving toward new zoning that would allow developers to make their own calls about whether or not to put parking stalls in their buildings.

"This is the way we're headed," says Christopher Hume, the Toronto Star's architecture and urban affairs critic. "The people who live in these condos don't need or want a car. They choose these apartments and neighbourhoods so they don't have to go through the whole hassle of buying and operating a car."

Like we spoke about previously in this space, there is a young demographic out there which does not share the previous generations' drive for car ownership and car culture. That mindset is now making an impact on building design.

Throw in the growing popularity of such things as car sharing, Uber taxi, bicycling, and the pressure of land use in the city, and it's not hard to see why parking garages might become rarities in more and more urban neighbourhoods in the coming years. Hume adds that architects in the city are even contemplating a future where current underground garages might be re-purposed for other activities, such as studio space and light manufacturing.

As they are currently, parking garages are awful spaces.

Usually I feel nostalgic about anything car related going away. But a dank, filthy, underused underground garage somewhere downtown is not one of them. And I would say that even if I didn't get routinely lost in them. Just for the record, I think "exit" should mean "exit," and not, "go around in a circle a few more times, than try a left ... or right."

Quoted

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Horoscopes

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
Be as carefree as you please over the next 24 hours. No one will mind in the least. Not that you care what others think but it's nice to have fun without being called irresponsible.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
You must hold out for what it is you know you deserve. The planets indicate it will be your rivals who blink first, so look and act tough and be tough in your approach to negotiations.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
A new moon in your sign suggests whatever you start over the next 24 hours will work out well. Don't listen to those who say you should be cautious. It's your time to shine.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
Because today's new moon falls in the most sensitive area of your chart, your best course of action over the next 48 hours is to withdraw from the world for. Start planning for the coming 12 months. They'll be special.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
If you need advice of any sort today, don't be afraid to ask your friends. The current new moon means they will help in any way they can, but you need to ask them first. They won't just offer their opinions.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
A new moon in the career area of your chart will give you the courage to make necessary changes on the work front. It's your life, it's your career and it's your choice as to what you do with them both.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
You have a lot to say for yourself and most of it is worth listening to, but be careful you don't say anything that might upset people whose support you are going to need.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
If you have been thinking of ways to make money, now is the time to come to a decision about your strategy. What you start over the next few days will reap rich rewards during the second half of the year.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
It may be that your rivals have the advantage but what happens today and tomorrow will give you the courage, as well as the opportunity, to turn the tables on them.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Keep doing what you are doing and don't listen to those who say you should be doing something else. The more they try to pick holes in your plans, the more certain you can be that you're on the right track.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Today's new moon in your fellow Air sign of Gemini will inspire you to put your talents to good use. Relationships will go well too, so be assertive and dynamic and make sure others know what it is you desire.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Be more open about your feelings, especially if you are the kind of Pisces who tends to keep your emotions bottled up inside. It is good to release the pressure. **SALLY BROMPTON**

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.

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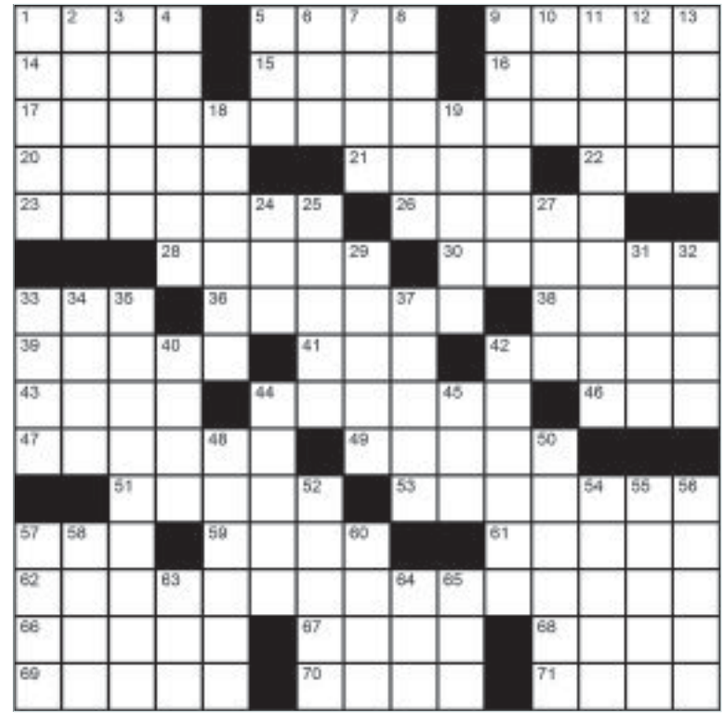
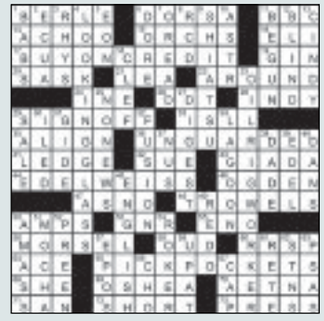


Across
1. School subj.
5. Ancient Scot
9. Rocker David
14. Lebanon's locale
15. Chess piece
16. "Being __" (Canadian series, 2009 to 2011)
17. NBL Canada team: 2 wds.
20. Dude
21. Hockey's Mr. Lindros
22. Music tycoon, Dr. __
23. Shoppers Drug Mart: __ Card
26. Book publisher, __ Canada
28. Carpet: French
30. Metamorphic rock type
33. Dwindle
36. Country singer Mel
38. Lake for the Ontario municipality at #18-Down
39. Medicine Hat born actor Mr. Gerussi
41. 'Peace' suffix (Pacifist)
42. Rocker Mr. Reznor
43. Value
44. "And Muzak filled the air / From __ to Cuyahoga Falls." - The Pretenders, "My City Was Gone"
46. "__ of Love" (1989)
47. Singing span
49. Alberta: __ Oil Sands Project
51. Australia's gemstones
53. Cutely-named flower
57. Canadian author/broadcaster, __-Marie MacDonald
59. Badminton dividers
61. Separately
62. The Band song that starts "You can walk on the water...": 4 wds.
66. Shoelace tip
67. Carry along
68. __-__-for-now!
69. Demurely
70. Nylons nick
71. Brewery beverages

Down
1. Perry Como's "Papa Loves __"
2. "I'll have _ __." (Lunchtime order)
3. Touch of colour
4. Be a survivor: 2 wds.
5. For
6. "Am ___?" (Query from backstage)
7. __ about (Occur)
8. Capt. James _. __
9. Passing ship's guide
10. Grampus
11. Nature's infernos
12. Champagne cooling container
13. Slacken
18. Leamington, the '__ Capital of Canada'
19. Tree growth indicators
24. News agcy.
25. English author A.A.
27. Nobleman
29. Embark embarrassedly
31. Trigonometry ratio
32. Bristle
33. Spain: Zaragoza's river
34. Bric-a-__
35. __-__ jeans
37. Michael McDonald's "_ __ Forgettin' (Every Time You're Near)"
40. Tide type
42. Clan's cloth
44. Tennis great Monica
45. Flight simulators co. headquartered in Saint-Laurent, QC
48. "Nasty Girl" by __ 6 (Trivia! The lead singer of this '80s trio is Canadian)
50. Oscar-winning actress Ms. Nyong'o
52. RBIs, e.g.
54. Warship-related
55. Furious
56. __ Shrugged (Ayn Rand novel)
57. Sorrowful sigh
58. Virtually, in verse
60. Hospital readout
63. Sushi bar's 'Unagi'
64. Jennifer Lopez _ _ J.Lo
65. Mr. Philbin, to pals

Yesterday's Crossword



Sudoku

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

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	5						3	
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Yesterday's Sudoku

3	8	7	5	1	4	6	2	9
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5	6	8	1	9	2	3	7	4
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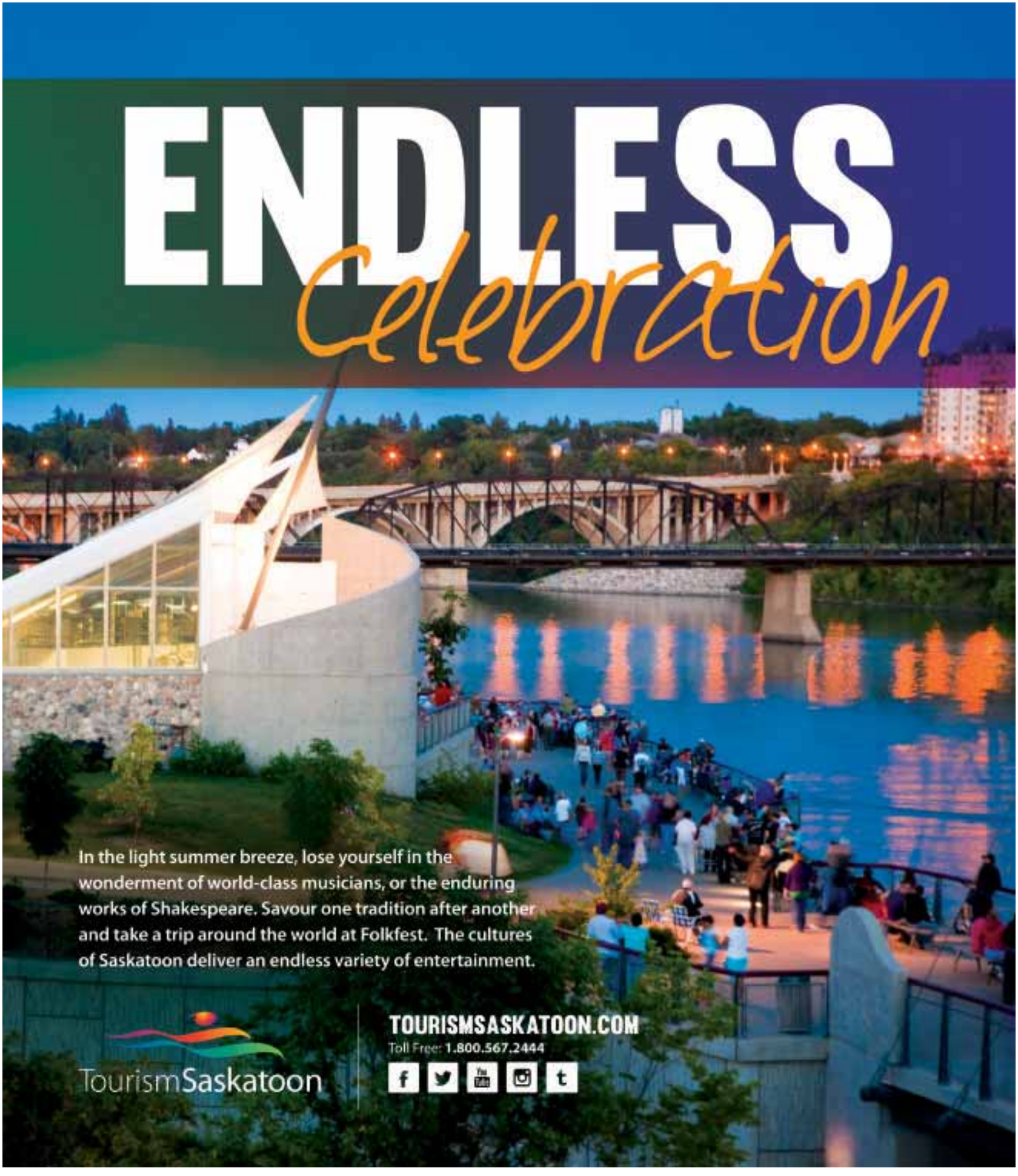
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